

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Office requires election of one of three species as defined by claims 1-10 ("Species I"), 11-15 ("Species II"), and 16-20 ("Species III"). By this response, Applicants have added new claims 21-22. Further, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-10 and newly added claim 22, Species I, with traverse. Reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement and rejoinder of claims 11-20 and newly added claim 21 are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

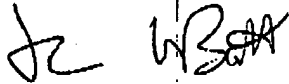
With respect to the species requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that this requirement apparently is based on a misreading of the claimed subject matter. In particular, the Office apparently translates the language "formed over" in claim 1 to mean "formed on... without any layer in between." To this extent, the language "formed over" is not limited to only "formed on... without any layer in between," but is also inclusive of one or more intervening layers. For example, claim 3 limits claim 1 by adding two intervening layers between the substrate and the light generating structure. Since the Office apparently bases the species requirement on a misreading of the claims, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and rejoinder of claims 11-21.

Further, Applicants have added a linking claim 21 that depends from claim 16 and a linking claim 22 that depends from claim 1. Each of these claims include substantially similar limitations as included in independent claim 11. To this extent, Applicants respectfully submit that a search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the examiner. In this case, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits. See, e.g.,

MPEP 803. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and rejoinder of claims 11-21.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for prompt consideration on the merits, and respectfully request this consideration. However, in the alternative, Applicants have herein elected claims 1-10 and claim 22, Species I, for consideration. Should the Examiner require anything further, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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